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The division received 1,500 recruits of the 1949 class in August 1949. About 6,900 trained soldiers of older classes were serving with the division at that time.

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All infantry NCOs of the 1925 class were to be demobilized in 1949. However, there had been no discharges at the time of desertion.

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According to the regulations, 1 percent of all NCOs and EM may be sent home on furlough each month. This would imply that about 1,000 men of the division could go on furlough every year. The personnel actually granted leaves did not exceed 250 to 300 per year. Men who are recommended for furlough are reported to the 4th Section of the Army through battalion, regiment and division channels. The 4th Section decides whether or not the furlough will be granted. Maximum furlough is four weeks. Leaves must always be spent in the Soviet Union and not in occupied territories.

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the regiment is administratively attached to the Plauen 87th Gun Arty Regt. The regiment's authorized strength was

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considerably below that of other regiments. Its actual strength also was far below the authorized strength at the time of desertion.

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The battalion was equipped with a large number of US, German and Soviet portable radio sets. Radio sets like a suitcase (about 40 x 25 x 10 cm) with telescopic antenna (about 160 cm) were observed. The battalion was also equipped with a US radio set of type SCR, mounted on a Studebaker truck and powered by a trailer-mounted charging unit. It was said that all radio sets used by the 154th Sig Bn were to be exchanged for modern Soviet sets in 1949. No information is available as to whether or not this change was effected.

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battalion included a sharpshooter platoon of one officer, 3 NCOs and 18 BM. The platoon was equipped with telescopic -sight magazine-fed rifles.

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